

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3298
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CLOSURE OF KOARDIH COAL PIT IN SATGRAM OF ECL
MINATISEN

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of 25 lakh tonnes of coal reserve and also next fifty years longevity, Koardih coal pit No. 12 in Satgram area was closed by ECL Authority.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the interests of the workers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): One of the constituent units of Kuardih colliery in Satgram area of ECL, namely 11 & 12 pits which was working Nega seam having a mineable reserve of 25 lakh tonnes, was drowned during heavy rain in September, 1999 and as such the production operation from the said unit had to be suspended. The dewatering operations in the mine are under way. Once the dewatering is completed a decision to restart or otherwise will be taken by the coal company based on techno-economic considerations.

(c) : In Kuardih 11 & 12 pits, the manpower strength on the date of drowning in September, 1999 was 642. Out of 642 persons, 639 persons have been transferred till date to the neighbouring mines of Satgram Area. 3 persons have been retained in 11 & 12 pits for domestic water supply.